

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2014 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 08/25/14
- 3) Road Report
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 5) Library Board of Trustees
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager and Road Foreman, Ron Kelley; Library Trustees Bruce Williams, Ennis Duling, Jean Roberts, Jean Davis, Nancy Luzer, and Library Director Rebecca Cook; and Tracy Carris and a campaign assistant.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 08/25/14. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

- 1) Work was completed on River Street.
- 2) Ron Kelley spoke to Wade Masure, a safety advisor to the VLCT regarding the recent site visit to the Highway facilities. In the future he suggested that the Town have its own doctor to review future workers compensation claims.
- 3) The contract salt price was reduced by \$ 3 per ton.
- 4) The entire Cones Point Road will be paved instead of just a portion of the road.
- 5) The Board discussed providing assistance to the Cemetery Association for improving its road with millings from the Village project. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was to apply the materials to free up some space at the Highway garage yard.

Public Comments and Concerns: Tracy Carris was present to introduce himself to the Board. He is seeking a State Senate position representing Rutland County. He asked if anyone had any issues or concerns that he might be able to address as a Senator from Rutland County. Rosenthal commented on the recent solid waste law Act 148 that requires mandatory unit price fees for all garbage beginning July 1, 2015. Other dates in the law may create some other issues / hardships as well. He spoke against per bag fees citing its affect on low income individuals and families thus creating hardships for those paying the fee and the potential for increased roadside garbage and illegal disposal of garbage by the public. Tracy expressed interest in learning more about the issue in addition to others that he may try to address if elected.

Library Board of Trustees: Bruce Williams, Library Trustee spoke on behalf of the Board regarding the new revised Library expansion plans and revised estimated construction costs. Handouts were provided at the previous meeting. Discussion followed. Jeff King and Frank Fressie spoke regarding some of the design changes and the revised cost estimates. Speaking for the Board they could not support the project at this time. A few changes were discussed that perhaps could reduce the new estimated costs. Rosenthal provided some property tax implications for the new Library design. A dialogue continued between the Library Board and Board of Selectmen. Bruce mentioned that the Trustees will take the feedback under

consideration and discuss possible changes to the plans and request a meeting at a later time when they meet to discuss further changes to the design .

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District stormwater project behind the High School will be scheduled for construction in the next few weeks.
- 2) The Poultney United Methodist Church "Thank you community dinner" was a success and much appreciated.
- 3) Rosenthal mentioned that an inspection of the playground equipment behind the Elementary School was conducted. Some of the plastic pieces are cracked and split and will need to be replaced. No estimate has been provided at this time.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal